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COUNTRY (Germany (Soviet Zone))

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Finow Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 15 September 1951

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DATE PREPARED 10 October 1951

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1. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 15 September, the doors of the small hangars at Finow Airfield were closed. About 35 MIG-15s, 10 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 2 biplanes were observed parked on the northern edge of the field or aloft. At 8:30 a.m., a large formation of jet fighters was flying at a high altitude over the field. From 9 to 11:30 a.m., only single-engine monoplanes fitted with radial engines, elliptical wings, tail wheels and red propeller hubs were seen flying. The planes flew for more than two hours and landed at short intervals after 11 a.m. Between 11:45 and 11:50 a.m., 12 MIG-15s took off in groups of four. Ten of these planes were seen over the field heading southeast about 12:30 p.m. All the MIG-15s observed at the installation had auxiliary fuel tanks fitted at about one third of the wing length. The MIG-15s were marked by white-bordered red four-digit numbers and white-bordered Soviet stars.
2. All the quarters in Finow were occupied to capacity. Twenty air force officers, with rank up to major, were seen in front of a villa at the southern side of the town. *
3. On 1 September 1951, it was learned that four German women, who had been employed in the kitchen of the air force unit stationed at Finow Airfield, had been discharged. On 4 September, 10 Russian girls wearing civilian clothes were observed walking from the railroad station to the town. The Russian girls, who were carrying luggage, were said to be replacements for the discharged Germans. **
4. According to several residents of Finow, dependents of some Soviet officers were to return to the U.S.S.R. These dependents were selling furniture and equipment.

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* Comment. For location sketch of the villa, see Annex 1. It is unknown what unit or headquarters is quartered there.

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** Comment. The discharge of German female personnel and their replacement by Russian women has been reported for almost all fields of the Soviet Zone of Germany. There are no indications that the female Russian personnel are to be employed in a military capacity.

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SECRET [REDACTED] comment. There are no indications that an air unit is to be transferred from Finow to the U.S.S.R. It is believed that only individual officers will be transferred.

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1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto.

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